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## **Four Additional Counties Approved for DUA**

NASHVILLE – President Bush has declared the following additional four counties in east Tennessee as eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance benefits at the request of Governor Bredesen: **Sevier, Blount, Cocke** and **Jefferson**. These counties are added to the original presidential declaration for Tennessee workers out of work as a direct result of tornadoes, severe storms, and flooding that began May 4, 2003.

“People who are not covered for regular unemployment benefits may qualify for the special disaster unemployment benefits, including those who are self-employed,” said Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James Neeley.

Those who think they might be eligible must file their claim for **DUA benefits within 30 days of this announcement.** Those filing claims should take their income tax returns for 2002, their social security number, and any papers with wage and employment information prior to the disaster.

Workers in the four additional counties who are unemployed as a direct result of tornadoes, severe storms, and flooding that began May 4, 2003, should register for DUA through the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development serving their county:

<b>County</b>	<b>Office Address</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Blount	220 Court Street, Maryville	(865)981-2341
Cocke	440 Eastern Plaza Way, Newport	(423)623-1108
Jefferson	1054 South Highway 92, Dandridge	(865)397-9461
Sevier	740 Old Knoxville Hwy, Sevierville	(865)429-7001

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